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Women Police

* 491 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to set up a Women's Police Wing to check up immoral traffic; and

(*b*) if so, the details of the same?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) The Government have recently sanctioned the formation of a Women Police Wing in the State Police with a staff of one woman head constable and 6 women constables for duties at Egmore and Madras Central Railway Police stations. Checking up of immoral traffic will be one of their duties. Recruitment of the Women Police Wing has not yet been made for want of suitable candidates.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : May I know whether women candidates applied for this job and if so, how many of them have been recruited?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Women candidates did apply in response to the advertisement but no suitable candidates were available.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will escorts be given to the Women Police during nights? (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : If that is the need, there is no meaning in having Women Police.

Mill cloth

* 492 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state the reason for the increase in the prices of mill cloth sold in Madras City?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The rise in prices of mill made cloth in the city can be attributed to higher production cost, shortage of cotton and speculative activities.

Number of State Government appeals pending before Supreme Court

* 493 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY (on behalf of Sri K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state the number of criminal and civil appeals pending before the Supreme Court in which our State is one of the parties involved; and of these, how many are filed by the Government?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The time and labour involved in collecting the particulars required will not be commensurate with the result to be achieved.